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SUBJECT: ECE-ATTENDANCE BY WESTRN EUROPEAN MEMBERS AT METING
WHERE WEST GERMAN ENVORONMENTAL AGENCY IS REPRESENTED

1. MISSION ADVISED THAT, WITH EXCEPTION OF BULGARIA,
EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MEMBERS OF ECE BOYCOTTED
SEPTEMBER 1-6 SEPTEMBER ON COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, TREATMENT AND
RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE, HELD IN HAMBURG, FRG, SEPT 1-6,
1975, UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERN-
MENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SEA) DUE TO PARTICIPATION
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OF REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST GERMAN FEDERAL NVIRONMENTAL AGENCY

(FEA) WHICH IS LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN. FEA PARTICIPATION PROTESTED BY GDR, POLAND AND USSR. LATTER'S NOTE TO ECE SECRETARIAT INDICATED NO FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN ANY ECE MEETING WHERE FEA REPRESENTED. THIS COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR ECE/SEA SEMINAR ON DESULPHURIZATION OF FUELS AND COMBUSTION GASES TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 10-17 WITH PARTICIPATION OF FEA OFFICIAL AS RAPPORTEUR. SOVIET OFFICIAL ON ECE SECRETARIAT (DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ALEXANDROV) IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED INDICATION THAT EASTERN EUROPEANS HAVE AGREED NOT TO ATTEND. ANY INFORMATION WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY OBTAIN ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. ATTENDANCE BY BULGARIANS REPS AT HAMBURG SEMINAR ASSUMED TO BE DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATION. DURING ADOPTION OF SEMINAR REPORT. BULGARIANS MADE NO OBJECTION TO BEING LISTED AS PARTICIPANTS BUT LATER ASKED THAT NAMES BE REMOVED. HUNGARIAN, POLISH AND SOVIET REPS HAD BEEN ACCREDITED AND LATTER HAD BEEN ISSUED VISAS PRIOR TO NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL. SOVIET CONUL APPEARED AT FRG RECEPTION, APPARENTLY WITH NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE THAT USSR DELEGATION WAS NOT ATTENDING MEETING. ORIGINAL INTENTION OF ROMANIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA RE ATTENDANCE NOT KNOWN. YUGOSLAVIA REPORTEDLY DID NOT PLAN TO ATTEND FOR TECHNICAL REASONS.

3. VARIOUS SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM PROPOSED BY ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK HAVE FAILED TO RECEIVE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL PARTIES. SUGGESTION THAT FEA REPS BE LISTED AS REPS OF FRG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR UNACCEPTABLE TO FRG, WHICH ASSERTS THAT FEA IS AUTONOMOUS AGENCY AND ANY SOLUTION TO PROBLEM MUST BE NON-DISCRIMINATORY. SUGGESTION THAT ALL REPS TO MEETINGS WERE FEA REPS PRESENT BE LISTED WITH COUNTRY IDENTIFICATION ONLY NOT ACCEPTABLE TO USSR WHICH ASSERTS IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE WITH FEA REPS HOWEVER DISGUISED. STANOVNIK MAKING FURTHER EFFORT TO FIND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION PRIOR TO WASHINGTON SEMINAR. ECE OFFICIALS FEAR THAT IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED, USSR, PRESSED BY GDR, MAY BE PREPARED TO DISRUPT FEBRUARY 9-13 1976 MEETING OF SEA AND 31ST SESSION OF ECE (MARCH 29-APRIL 9). INFORMAL
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CONSULTATIONS OF SEA OCT 30-31 1975 WILL PROBABLY NOT BE AFFECTED SINCE NO FORMAL ACCREDITATION OR DELEGATE LISTS INVOLVED. GDR REPS IN GENEVA HAVE REPORTEDLY TOLD FRG REPS THAT THEY WATCHING 10 FUTURE ECE MEETINGS FOR FEA PARTICIPATION. DALE

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